

- Proviso: payment of assessments before maturity. purchasers a deed in fee simple for the said lands or the interest thereof so sold as aforesaid, and the said deed shall operate to convey to the purchaser and his heirs the title to the said land in fee simple: *Provided, however*, that the owner of any land subject to the liens and assessments hereinbefore mentioned shall have the privilege of paying off all of said assessments at any time before maturity, and upon such payment the said liens shall be released and discharged.
- Exclusive control of improvements. 341. *Board exclusive control of improvements.* The board of commissioners of said city, by their proper officers, shall have the exclusive control and management of the work of improving of said streets, and the cost thereof shall be paid out of the street improvement fund provided for herein, and out of any other funds belonging to the said city of Asheville that may be available for such purpose.
- Fund for payment. 342. *City liable for curbing; one-third cost.* The city itself shall be liable for the cost of all curbing and for one-third of the costs and expenses of improving the street or roadway between the curbings and the abutting land on each side, assuming the liability hereinbefore created.
- Costs chargeable to city. 343. *Street railway assessment deducted from city cost.* Whatever of the cost of the street improvements which may be paid or assessed against the property of any street railroad or railway company as provided for by law, shall be deducted from the proportion of the costs of such improvements for which the said city is liable as aforesaid, whether such street railway or street railroad shall run through the center or upon either side of the street so improved as aforesaid, and the amount to be paid by said street railway or street railroad company as provided for by law, shall not in any event be deducted from any sum assessed against the abutting landowners under the provisions of this charter.
- Assessments from street railways to use of city. 344. *Power to assign liens.* The board of commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to assign, sell and transfer the said liens created herein and all sums owing thereon, either absolutely or upon condition, to any person or persons in order to enable them to raise means to carry into effect the provisions hereof, and if any such liens shall be transferred as aforesaid and shall not be paid to the owner thereof when due, they shall be collected by the mayor-commissioner of said city in the same manner as other assessments hereinbefore provided for, and the amount thereof when collected, shall be paid by said mayor-commissioner to the owner or owners of said liens, less two per centum of the amount actually collected by him, which shall be paid to the secretary-treasurer to cover the costs of such collection.
- Power to assign liens. Collection of assigned liens. Commission for collection. 345. *Lien funds used exclusively for improvements.* All funds derived from assessments heretofore or hereafter levied by said mayor and board of commissioners of the city of Asheville upon private property on account of improvements of the streets upon
- Assessments used exclusively for improvements.